

I, and several million other HDTV consumers who bought state-of-the-art devices only a few years ago, will be "second class viewers" if you grant a Selectable Output Control (SOC) waiver to the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA).

When a consumer pays thousands of dollars for a modern HDTV, there should be a reasonable expectation of full functionality for several years, perhaps up to a decade, as many older CRT systems achieved. In 2005, I purchased an HDTV with DVI, HDMI and Component interfaces. However, the digital interfaces are not HDCP compatible. Am I about to become the owner of a multi-thousand dollar "boat anchor" as far as premium HDTV content is concerned? If the SOC waiver is approved, neither my digital nor my component HDTV interfaces will be viable for premium HDTV content.

From personal experience, I attest that the component interface is much more robust and "bullet proof" than the DVI/HDMI digital interfaces. Relegating a superior, simple interface to the junk heap of technological history would be a travesty. Do not be deceived. The MPAA wants the component interface to be either crippled or eliminated as soon as possible. This *petition for expedited special relief* may be considered as the first foray to destroy the Component interface and, with it, the investments of millions of Americans in the HDTV revolution.

I implore you to deny the petition for waiver of 47 C.F.R. 76.1903.